

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory Number: ~~10470~~ CH-962

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Address: Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of Faulkner

Owner: Historical Society of Charles County, Inc

Tax Parcel Number: ~~150~~ 126 Tax Map Number: 73

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The wood frame dwelling located on the east side of Crain Highway, south of Faulkner Road, is two stories in height and five bays wide with a small addition on its east elevation. The house is symmetrical with a central entry. The central three bays project beneath a cross gable roof. The roof is covered with a standing seam metal roof. The front gable is articulated with horizontal siding, while the rest of the house is clad in asphalt sheeting formed to look like brick. The addition has a standing seam metal, side gable roof with a shed extension.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

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KATHRYN SMITH SAID PROPERTY IS NOT  
ELIGIBLE

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

10/27/99  
Date

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

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As La Plata grew, Charles County citizens lobbied to have the county seat moved from Port Tobacco to La Plata. La Plata became the county seat of Charles County's government in 1895 and a new courthouse was erected in 1896.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

Built circa 1910, this Queen Anne-style house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development along U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

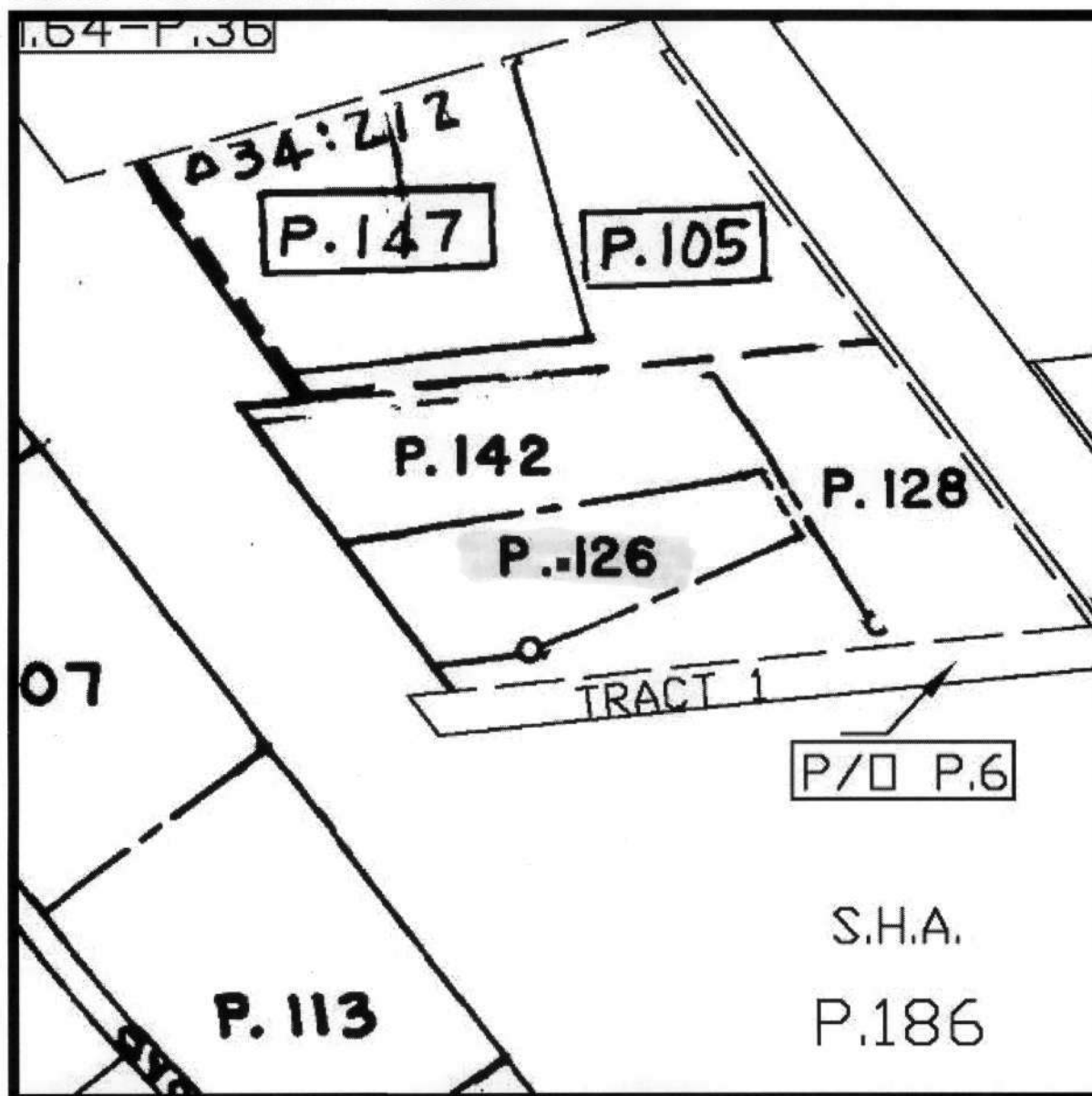
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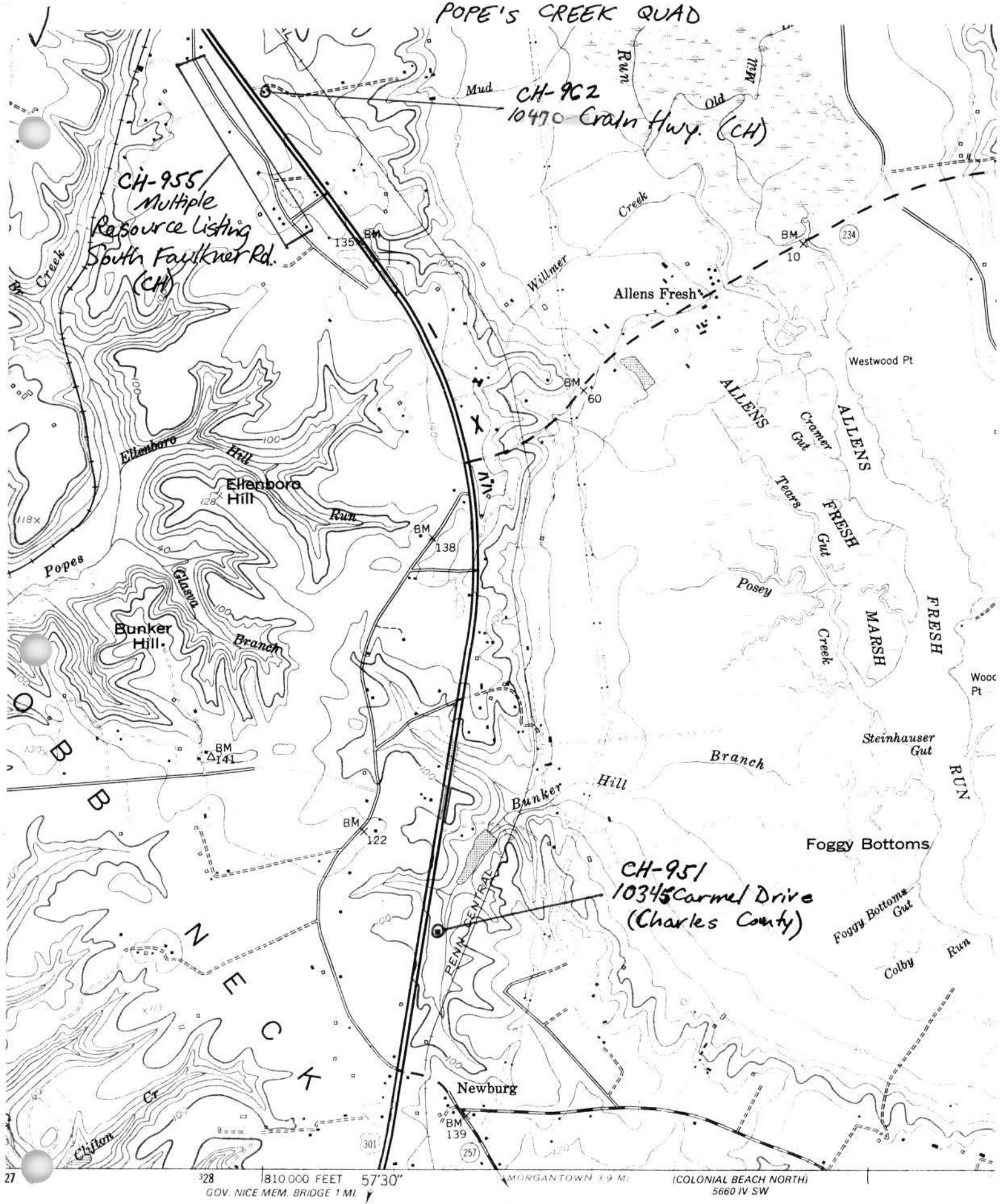
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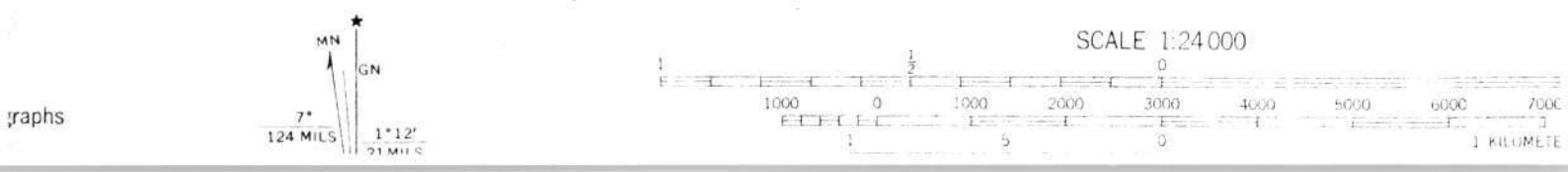
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Multiple  
Resource Listing  
South Faulkner Rd.  
(CH)

CH-962  
10470 Crain Hwy. (CH)

CH-951  
10345 Carmel Drive  
(Charles County)





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Crain Highway, South of Faulkner Road  
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View looking Northeast

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